

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

December 3, 2009

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:**

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on November 24, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Tabled

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending December 2, 2009 in the amount of \$ 300,716.21 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of November 24 – December 2, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from November 24 – November 30, 2009

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the

amount of \$ 412,810.21 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

**Denise Nephew**, President of AFSCME Union spoke about reinstating the Parking Violations Officer.

**David Bezio**, President of IBEW Union wanted to speak on the Health Care Task Force meeting this week and there is a spirit of cooperation in that room that he hasn't seen since he has been involved in it. He said they sometimes get labeled by media as a special interest group he wants to make it know that this "special interest" group provided 1.2 million in savings to the city in the year 2009 on the health insurance. This is really important because in his particular case he is going to be facing cuts in personnel in his department. The MLD employees were on the forefront of these changes. That thought of the Union working with Management has to be a two way street and he is asking for real thought about the 3 job cuts that are going to be coming at the Municipal Lighting Department if the Mayor's budget passes as it sits and the men and women of the Municipal Lighting Department may need some help as we approach our new budget year. And he wanted the Council to think about that as they are thinking about the cost reductions.

**Andrew Golt**, 17 Couch Street wanted to address the Council on purchasing the Aerial Truck and he thinks that there are a lot more miles available on this truck and the City shouldn't purchase a new truck. He also wanted to talk about people walking big dogs around with small leash that would break if he were walking his small dogs around and they would get attacked.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves request from Community Development Office to approve a \$9,908.20 rehabilitation loan for Project Main St BIP #8-2008 (72 Margaret St) to Plattsburgh Internal Medicine.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Request from the Fire Chief to accept the Bid from New England Fire Apparatus in the amount of

\$799,821.00 (with a trade in allowance of \$49,850) for the purchase of a 2009 100' Aerial platform. The truck would be delivered in November 2010.

By Councilor Valentine; Second by Councilor Jackson  
Discussion:

**Councilor Calnon** is fully committed to purchasing an Aerial Truck at the end of its recommended first response life. It is keeping with general responsibility in reducing the burden on taxpayers without endangering their safety or the safety of our employees. He would like to delay their decision on this issue until next year.

**Councilor Carpenter** is not against this truck. He feels that since this wasn't anything they talked about doing in 2009. It is something they put in the capital plan for 2010 and it would be irresponsible of them to vote yes on this before visiting the capital plan in 2010.

**Councilor Jackson** he feels this was an informational thing they agreed to go out and get bids not purchase. He feels they should wait and look at in the 2010 Capital plan and review and purchase with in the time range that is most desirable.

**Councilor Calnon** feels we have a good partner in the Fire equipment with SUNY. He intends, in the next couple of weeks after spending some time with the Chamberlain, to bring a resolution that we make a contribution to the Aerial Reserve Fund that we have established to receive the SUNY money so that they see that we clearly are committed to keeping the equipment modern and making our fair share of the payments.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the negative except Councilor Valentine voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Defeated

Follow up Action: None

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**8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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**9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. The Regular Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 24, 2009 will be changed due to the Christmas Holiday to Tuesday, December 22, 2009 beginning at 5:30 pm. The work session will begin at 5 pm.
2. The Regular Common Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 31, 2009 will be changed due to the New Year's Eve Holiday to Tuesday, December 29, 2009 beginning at 5:30 pm. The work session will begin at 5 pm.
3. Request from the Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD BID NO. 2009-12-1 "Install fencing and vehicle gate, Green Street." Bid Opening Date: January 5, 2010 at 11:00 am.

4. Request from the Office of Community Development to approve a change order for Project Main St. BIP 2008 #1 (North Country Co-op, 25 Bridge St.) for \$5790.00. During installation of the awning, front window transom repairs were noted to be required. The change order will be paid through the revolving loan fund.
5. Request from City Engineer to amend the current GIS services agreement with Fountains Spatial, Inc to include "GIS Technical Support & Grant Writing Assistance" in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be funded from Capital Project (H5110.13) "2005 GIS Project."
6. Request from Jennifer Boyer to hold 3rd Annual Race for Stace sponsored by KCB, Inc dba Warren Tire Service Center on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at 9 am at the US Oval. The run/walk benefits the Stacey Lynn Frechette Scholarship Fund.

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**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilor Calnon** wanted to note that the Building Inspectors budget session will be immediately after the Common Council Meeting tonight. The Community Development Office budget session has been postponed until December 10, 2009.

**Councilor Valentine** wanted to thank Kevin Farrington for his report on his training session. Brian Dowling had also done so in the past and she appreciated getting a report for one of the travel requests they approve.

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**11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:52 pm**